

IMPLEMENTATION RULES FOR THE SEPTEMBER 2000 UPDATE OF THE RESIDENT ASSESSMENT INSTRUMENT (RAI) VERSION 2.0

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<http://www.hcfa.gov/medicaid/mds20/man-form.htm>

Implementation on 9/1/2000: For any full or quarterly assessment with an Assessment Reference Date (MDS Item A3a) on or after 9/1/2000, facilities must use the September 2000 update of the Assessment Forms. For any Background (Facesheet) Information form with a completion date (MDS Item AB11) on or after 9/1/2000, facilities must use the September 2000 update of the Background (Facesheet) form. For any discharge with a Discharge Date (MDS Item R4) on or after 9/1/2000, facilities must use the September 2000 update of the Discharge Tracking Form. For any reentry with a Reentry Date (MDS item A4a) on or after 9/1/2000, facilities must use the September 2000 update of the Reentry Tracking Form. For any correction request with an Attestation Date (MDS Item AT6) on or after 9/1/2000, facilities must use the September 2000 update of the Correction Request Form.

Prior to 9/1/2000 Implementation: For full or quarterly assessments with Assessment Reference Date (MDS Item A3a) before 9/1/2000, facilities may, at their own option, use either the old version (1/30/98) or the September 2000 update of the Assessment Forms. For any Background (Facesheet) Information form with a completion date (MDS Item AB11) before 9/1/2000, facilities may, at their own option, use either the old version (1/30/98) or the September 2000 update of the Background (Facesheet) form. For discharges with Discharge Date (MDS Item R4) before 9/1/2000, facilities may, at their own option, use either the old version (1/30/98) or the September 2000 update of the Discharge Tracking Form. For reentries with Reentry Date (MDS Item A4a) before 9/1/2000, facilities may, at their own option, use either the old version (1/30/98) or the September 2000 update of the Reentry Tracking Form. For correction requests with Attestation Date (MDS Item AT6) before 9/1/2000, facilities may, at their own option, use either the old version (Washington Pilot 10/14/1999) or the September 2000 update of the Correction Request Form.

Transition Period after 9/1/2000 Implementation: If facilities experience difficulty obtaining printed copies of the new forms from their supplier, the forms can be downloaded from the HCFA web site and reproduced by the facility, until they become available from the supplier.

Many facilities use MDS vendor software to produce printed MDS forms. If MDS vendor software is not converted to handle the new forms by 9/1/2000, then the facility must (1) obtain blank printed copies of the new Basic Assessment Tracking Form, the New Background (Facesheet) Information form, the new Discharge Tracking Form, the new Reentry Tracking Form, and the new Correction Request Form and (2) manually complete these forms when

appropriate. It is necessary that the September 2000 update of the Basic Assessment Tracking Form, the Background (Facesheet) Information form, the Discharge Tracking Form, the Reentry Tracking Form, and the Correction Request Form be used as of 9/1/2000 in order to be in compliance with the new attestation requirements. To provide some interim relief for full and quarterly assessment forms, facilities with unconverted MDS vendor software may use the September 2000 Basic Assessment Tracking Form with the old version (1/30/1998) of the Full Assessment Form or Quarterly Assessment Form for a one-month transition period from 9/1/2000 until 9/30/2000. In any case, all other forms (including the Basic Assessment Tracking Form, the Background (Facesheet) Information form, the Discharge and Reentry Tracking Forms, and the Correction Request Form) must be completed using the September 2000 update. After the one-month transition period ending 9/30/2000, all RAI forms must be completed using the September 2000 update, in order to be in compliance.

Regarding Correction Requests: MDS Correction Policy requires that a facility must correct the original MDS assessment or tracking form or a copy of that form, using standard medical record procedure, and attach this corrected original or copy to the Correction Request Form (see page 1-15 of "Draft Provider Instructions for Making Automated Corrections Using the New MDS Correction Request Form", available on the HCFA web site). If the form to be corrected originally used the old 1/30/98 version of the MDS 2.0 and a new copy of the original form is printed for correction, then that new copy can be either the old 1/30/98 version or the new September 2000 Update. If the form to be corrected originally used the new September Update of the MDS 2.0 and a new copy of the original form is printed for correction, then that new copy should be the new September 2000 Update.